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## Canners' Contributions to Canned Foods Week Fund.

The chairmen of the committees representing the national organizations cooperating in the Canned Foods Week campaign have already laid before every canner of the country the plan for their contributions of \$1.00 per car in each market to which they ship their products.

We are pleased to learn that local chairmen are already receiving contributions from many canners and this is indeed encouraging to the local wholesale grocers and brokers who are devoting so much time to the campaign.

Display material has been ordered shipped to all the chairmen in the three hundred markets, and much more progress has already been made in this campaign than in any of the previous ones at this correspondingly early date.

## Sieve Sizes of Alaska Peas.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has issued statistics, based upon 55 reports from pea packers, showing the percentages of Alaska peas, sieves 1 to 5, in their packs. The average percentages for the United States in 1924, along with comparative figures for 1923, are as follows:

	1923	1924
Sieve No. 1.....	4.8 %	4.9 %
Sieve No. 2.....	18.6	19.4
Sieve No. 3.....	40.2	42.0
Sieve No. 4.....	29.8	28.0
Sieve No. 5.....	6.4	5.7

## Signature of Buyer Necessary.

A recent decision was rendered in the U. S. District Court, Pennsylvania, No. 294, Fed. Rep. The decision was based on lack of signature of the buyer under Section 4 of the Sales Act of the State of Pennsylvania, which provides that;

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"A contract to sell or a sale of any goods or choses in action for the value of \$500.00 or upwards shall not be enforceable by action unless the buyer shall accept part of the goods or choses in action so contracted to be sold or sold, and actually receive the same, or give something in earnest to bind the contract, or in part payment, or unless some note or memorandum in writing of the contract or sale be signed by the party to be charged, or his agent in that behalf."

The opinion of the Court, written by Judge D. J. Witmer, held that the memorandum was uncertain both as to the price of the sugar and the terms of payment, and did not contain a statement of all the essential elements of the contract and the memorandum of sale was not signed by the buyer, and decision was rendered in favor of the defendants.

#### Liability for Taxes.

A recent decision of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia holds that where a corporation acquires the assets of a partnership in exchange for its stock for the purpose of continuing the business, the corporation by so doing assumes the debts and liabilities of the partnership, irrespective of an express agreement, and is liable for federal taxes due from the partnership to the extent of the property so received. Under Sections 3466 and 3467 Revised Statutes, the claim of the Government for taxes due from the partnership takes priority over the claims of creditors of the corporation.

#### Crop Estimate of Cabbage for Kraut.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture has issued, under date of October 3, an estimate of the acreage and forecast of the production of cabbage for kraut for 1924. The acreage for 1924 is estimated at 17,610 acres, with an indicated yield of 10.9 tons, which forecasts of a production of 161,000 tons, as compared with 166,600 tons in 1923 and 160,800 tons in 1922.

#### National Forget-Me-Not Day.

Under the auspices of The Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Saturday, November 8, will be observed as "National Forget-Me-Not Day". On this day through the distribution of little forget-me-not flowers by women and girls, and the disabled veterans themselves, substantial aid will be given to maimed World War heroes in this country.

#### Italian Marking Regulations Again Modified.

Italian requirements for indelible marking of canned meat and fish products have been slightly modified, so that it is now permitted that brand names that have been registered in the Ufficio del Marchio (Bureau of Markets) in Rome may be used instead of the full name of the manufacturing firms. Earlier announcements regarding the Italian regulations appeared in N. C. A. Bulletin No. 92-A and in Membership Letters Nos. 60 and 74.

#### Mediterranean Olive Oil Production.

The olive oil production in the Mediterranean Basin this season will be about 825,000 tons, according to reports received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Last year's production was about 660,000 tons.

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Freight Traffic Records Broken.

Five new records were established during the week ending September 27 in the number of cars loaded with revenue freight, according to reports made to the American Railway Association. Loadings totaled 1,087,447 cars, the highest number for this year and the third highest in history. The loadings of grain and grain products, miscellaneous freight, and less-than-carload freight were higher than during any other week on record. More freight cars were moved by railroads on September 24 than on any single day this year, the number totaling 1,013,184.

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